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Dr. S. Dillon Ripley
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Dear Dillon:

Several times each year, we invite distinguished guest speakers to address some 300 to 500 employees of the Central Intelligence Agency. Our objective is to enhance our employees' understanding of national and international issues as well as to provide them an intellectual stimulus. Among recent guests have been Herman Wouk, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Carl Sagan, Art Buchwald, and Ambassador Vernon Walters. I believe the program, now in its twelfth year, has been very successful.

I would be pleased if you could be our guest speaker here at the CIA Headquarters. I would suggest either 4 or 11 June, but would be happy to accommodate your schedule if neither date is convenient. The program normally consists of a lecture of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, followed by a 20 to 30 minute question period. Lectures are usually scheduled from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. The guest speaker honorarium is \$500. Your thoughts on the Smithsonian's plans for the future, India, the space program, your experience as a museum director, or any related topic of your choice, would be of keen interest to our audience.

I hope you are able to accept this invitation. [redacted] our Dean of Conferences, will be pleased to discuss all aspects of the arrangements with your staff. She can be reached at [redacted]

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Yours,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Letter to Dr. S. Dillon Ripley

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